THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government has received information that T. N. V. extremists have training facilities in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh.

(b) and (c) Government has brought to the notice of the Government of Bangladesh that these insurgents are operating from their territory and have requested the Government of Bangladesh to prevent such operations. That Government has, howeve^ consistently denied that training camps or any other facilities for the T. N. V. exist on their territory.

Prisoners of Operation Bine Star

2205. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons were taken on prisoners from the Golden Temple Complex in Amritsar during Operation Blue Star in June, 1984;

(b) how many out of them have since been released;

(c) how many are still in the custody and where they are lodged; and

(d) what action is proposed to be taken against those still in custody and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Out of 1592 persons apprehended in Golden. Temple area during Operation Blue Star, 365 are in custody and are lodged in Jodhpur jail. The case registered against them is under trial in the Additional Special Court at Jodhpur.

Target of tree planting

2206. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target of tree planting for the year 1986-87 and what is the~ target for the year 1987-88;

(b) whether the target fixed for 1986-87 is likely to be achieved; and

(c) what is the rate of survival of trees in different parte of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT 'VND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI):

(a) The target of tree planting in the country for the year 1986-87 is 342. 84 crore seedlings- The target for 1987-88 is tentatively fixed at 460 crore seedlings.

(b) Yes. Sir. The target has al-reay been exceeded. The achievement to end of January, 1987 is 344. 40 crores seedlings.

(c) A statement indicating survival percentages based on available information is annexed. [See Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 104]. It may be added that the monitoring has not been systematic or adequately programmed. Efforts to streamline arrangements in this behalf are on hand.

Swiss citizenship for Indian Nationals

2207. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen a news report about an Indian national who has obtained the rare feat of Swiss Citizenship in record time as reported in the 'Sunday Mail' of 1—7 February, 1987;

(b) whether Government have entered into a new protocol or agreement with the Government of Switzer-. land for grant of citizenship to Indians; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

Ob) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Pollution of rivers in M. P.

2208. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister o! ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS Ee pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the new report which appeared in the Sunday 25—31, January 1987 on extensive pollution of some rivers in Madhya Pradesh from a large paper mill;

(b) if so, whether any authentic, reliable studies and evaluation has been made by any of our institutions, including CSIR, DST, Ministry of Environment and Forests and if so, the details thereof and th$_e$ remedial measures taken; and

(c) whether 122 companies were prosecuted by the Madhya Pradesh Pollution Board after Bhopal accident and if so, what is the present position of each of the above 122 cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Arrest of Pak smugglers ana spies on Punjab and Jammu border

2209. 9HRI DHARAM CHANDKR PRASHANT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Pak spies and smugglers arrested on the border of Punjab and Jammu during the year 1986; and

(b) what was the number of spies and smugglers killed in their bid to enter the Indian territory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) 17 smugglers and 1 spy were apprehended by the B. S. F. on the border of Punjab and Jammu during the year 1986.

(b) 5 smugglers were killed while trying to enter India. No spy was killed.

Provident Fund outstanding against M/s. Amrita Bazar Patrika Limite dand M/s. Jugantar Limited

2210. 'SHRI CHITTA BASU.
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 267 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th August, 1986 regarding provident fund outstanding! against M/s. Amrita Bazar Patrika Limited and M/s.. Jugantan Limited and state:

(a) what follow up action has been taken in the matter since August, 1986 till date;

(b) whether any action has since been taken by the police authorities against the managements; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) On further